

## A SOFT THING

Was the Mutual Reserves  
Exchequer.

Harper Family Profited  
Like McCurdys in  
Mutual Life.

AFTER BURNHAM NOW.

Paymaster Handed Him  
Eight Thousand Dollars  
One Occasion.

Witness Did Not Know  
What President Had  
Done With Money.

New York, Dec. 7.—The first witness to appear before the insurance investigating committee today was Wm. A. Butts, paymaster of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Co. Mr. Butts, counsel for the committee, asked him for an accounting of the payments made by the company to the Harper family as premiums which Mr. Harper had loaned to his estate and to his wife after his death. The witness was temporarily excused and J. A. Hays, bookkeeper of the Mutual Reserve, was called and identified as being in the books of the company showing payments of \$500 each to Mr. Harper in 1895 and 1896. Some of them were checked with the initials of Frederick A. Burnham, president of the Mutual Reserve Co.

Witness Hays said Mrs. Harper now Mrs. Orlando P. Dorman, having married since Mr. Harper's death. The total amount paid to her by the Mutual Reserve Co. under the will of Edward B. Harper, witness said was \$10,000 and is still being paid 1-3 of 2 cents on each \$1,000 insurance in force prior to 1895. Witness did not know what money in the Harper account was paid to President F. A. Burnham.

William A. Butts, the paymaster who was on the stand, he said he gave \$5,000 to President F. A. Burnham, the contingent fund in 1896. Witness did not know what the president did with the money.

George D. Eldridge, vice president of the Mutual Reserve Co. was called and asked if he had not previously testified that the total amount paid to Mrs. Harper was \$10,000 and to the other family \$35,000. The witness said that he did not intend to have anything to do with the case. He was asked if he had not opposed such payment to having been made under an illegal contract as the company had once contained in a suit brought by one of the heirs. He said he understood the courts decided it was legal in the present suit. Mr. Hughes said the point was never adjudicated as the company was not a party. Witness said he did not know that \$5,000 was paid to President Burnham.

New Equitable Directors.  
New York, Dec. 7.—At the annual meeting of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, Sir William Mather, of Manchester, England; Alex. C. Humphreys, and J. Edward Swanstrom, of New York, and Tom Randolph, president of the Commonwealth Trust Co. of St. Louis, were elected directors. The following were re-elected: Geo. W. Victor, Wallace L. Pierce, Thos. P. Robert, D. DeWitt Colyer, Thos. H. Frank, S. Witherbee, Jas. McMahon and Eben B. Thomas. All of these with the exception of Gen. Robert, who was re-elected, were re-elected today were nominated by the board of directors. The following were elected today were nominated by the board of directors: Thos. H. Frank, S. Witherbee, Jas. McMahon and Eben B. Thomas. All of these with the exception of Gen. Robert, who was re-elected, were re-elected today were nominated by the board of directors.

CABLE CONTRAGULATIONS.

Christiana, Dec. 7.—The Norwegian government is calling its congratulations to Captain Rasmus Amundsen, the Norwegian explorer who has arrived at Fort Peabody, Alaska, after his way through the north polar passage and who found the magnetic pole on King William Island.

DECEASED IN CHICAGO.

Remains Will Be Brought to  
Lima For Burial.

Mrs. Elizabeth Connor, mother of George P. Connor, of Chicago, died at her late home in Chicago, this morning, after a long illness. The remains will be brought to Lima tomorrow afternoon and will be interred in the Lutheran church, on West 14th street, at 2 o'clock. Interment will be made in Woodlawn cemetery.

The deceased was 84 years of age. He was survived by one son, George P. Connor, of this city, and three daughters, Mrs. Frank Dietrich, of Dayton, Mrs. R. B. Brackett, of Alma, Colorado, and Mrs. O. H. Hull, of Chicago.

THE HOTTENTOT  
OFFERED TERMS.

Cologne, Prussia, Dec. 7.—The Volks Zeitung, today says it learns that Kendrick Hottentot, the Hottentot leader, who recently died from wounds received while attacking a German provision train, Oct. 26, before his death offered a peace condition that his wife be allowed to keep their children; that they be supplied with 150 rounds of ammunition monthly; that their land and cattle be restored to them and that his pay, as an officer of German colonial troops be doubled. "These terms," the paper adds, "were, naturally, rejected."

HAS A FEW SOULS.

Berlin, Dec. 7.—The census returns made public today show that Berlin has a population of 2,033,590 souls.

SAME OLD THING.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The state department has been informed that there is no change in conditions in Russia and Finland this morning.

HANLEY KEEPS AT IT.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 7.—John R. Ward, adjutant general of Indiana, resigned today on the demand of Gov. Hanley and the result of an investigation of Ward's accounts. The investigation committee claims there is a shortage of \$979.

WILLIE AND WILLIE.

San Francisco, Dec. 7.—Willie Fitzgerald, of Brooklyn, and Willie Lewis, of New York, were matched yesterday to box 25 rounds at Colma on the night of Jan. 10. They will fight at 133 pounds, weighing in at 6 o'clock on the day of the battle.

DEATHS ON RAIL.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 7.—Fourteen star cars went through a trestle to feel high on the Frisco railroad, two miles north of Pratt City this morning, resulting in the death of Walter R. E. Howard, a well-known conductor, and the death of a brakeman, Thos. Steele, the brakeman, was seriously injured.

## AGREEMENT STANDS

Machen Will Not Testify in  
Case of Government vs.  
Crawford.

BOTH WERE INDICTED

For Conspiracy to Defraud  
Uncle Sam in Sale  
of Supplies.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—The agreement made with the U. S. attorney general that August W. Machen should not be required to give testimony in any further proceedings growing out of the postal frauds, has been determined to be binding, has government. Machen and Geo. E. Lopez, both of whom are now serving terms in the Moundsville, W. Va., penitentiary in connection with these frauds, were brought here to testify for the prosecution in the trial going on of Wm. G. Crawford, who was jointly indicted with them for conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with the sale of letter carrier's satchels and straps. Machen's counsel opposed the effort to place him on the stand on the ground that the attorney general had expressly agreed to this understanding after Machen had indicated a willingness to plead guilty to the indictment, which Crawford is now being tried. No such understanding has been reached regarding Lopez and it is believed that he will go on the stand today.

FINDLAY MEN

Heavily Sentenced For Receiving Stolen Goods.

Detective Gendeman, of the Lake Erie and Western railroad, returned here today from Findlay where he succeeded in convicting William and Jacob Penberg, charged with receiving and concealing merchandise that had been stolen from Lake Erie and Western freight cars. William Penberg was given the hundred dollar fine and costs and was sentenced to 30 days imprisonment in the work house. Jacob Penberg was fined one hundred dollars and 60 days.

COMMITTEE NAMED.

Senator Allison, chairman of the republican caucus of the senate today announced the personnel of the committee to fill vacancies on commissions as follows:

Hale, chairman; Aldrich, Cullom, Perkins, Clark, of Wyoming; Nelson, Spooner, Kean and Beveridge.

ALLEN COUNTY

BOY ASKS PARDON.

Columbus, O., Dec. 7.—The state pardon board today heard applications for clemency from the following convicts among others:

Benjamin Simon, Allen County, murderer, second degree, life.

Edward Banks, Cuyahoga county, 1903, burglary, 5 years.

John Keating, Cuyahoga county, 1904, shooting 7 years.

H. Dunnington, Cuyahoga county, 1905, sodomy, 15 years.

Wm. H. Harris, Clark county, 1903, murderer, second degree, life.

Michael Moran, Cuyahoga county, 1904, stealing, 7 years.

## AWFUL CRIMES

Led to Assassination of  
Sakharoff.

His Order to Cossacks to  
Torture Peasants  
Caused It.

ASSASSIN WAS WOMAN

Who Declares She Executed  
Decree Issued By  
the Terrorists.

Police of Moscow Fail to  
Get the Telegraphers  
Back to Work.

St. Petersburg, Wednesday, Dec. 7.

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COAL BARGES  
GO TO BOTTOM.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 7.—Ten thousand tons of coal and iron ore barges, all of a value of over \$1,000,000, were lost in the Ohio river under the Chesapeake and Ohio bridge yesterday. It was almost a miracle that no lives were lost. The steamer Coal City, one of the most powerful tow boats in the river trade, came down from Pittsburgh with a string of twenty barges, each containing 1,000 tons of coal. Under the suspension bridge the swift current turned the tow and across the stream. The Coal City did everything in her power to right matters before reaching the Chesapeake and Ohio bridge, but without avail. The rushing current carried the tow straight against the south pier with a terrific crash.

Ten barges up-ended and each dumped its 1,000 tons to the bottom. The balance of the barges broke loose. The Coal City, which carried dangerously in the crash, was fortunately saved from serious damage, although she was disabled and was caught by two tugs which also saved the drifting barges, some after a pursuit of several miles down the river.

COL. BOSWORTH

AMONG THE DEAD

Marietta, O., Dec. 7.—Col. Daniel Perkins Bosworth, one of the wealthiest and best known men in the oil country, died in New York last night. He served as an active ensign in the navy during the civil war. He was a member of the Loyal Legion and widely known.

## PEOPLE LEAVE

Thousands of Russians  
Are Refugees.

Have Fled From Fatherland  
Because of Murders  
and Rioting.

HOUSES ABANDONED.

Many of Them Reduced to  
Miserable State of  
Beggary.

Eight Thousand Killed at  
Odessa Since Trouble  
Was Started.

Vienna, Dec. 7.—Despatches received here from Lemberg say that large numbers of Russian refugees are coming in daily. There are 500 of them at Cracow. They all give exciting accounts of the occurrences in Russia. Many of the refugees formerly were men of considerable wealth and standing, but left everything behind and now are almost reduced to beggary.

The people of Lemberg declare that murders and rioting continue at Kieff. The refugees who have arrived at Podvoloczyska say that excesses against the Jews have occurred at Schernyanka and Serenowow. No details are given.

Trains from Odessa and Kieff are now arriving at Podvoloczyska on time. Refugees and telegrams are being forwarded by the railroad.

An official statement says 8,000 persons have been killed at Odessa since the beginning of the troubles.

Advices from Bucharest say the people of Moscow and Nikoloff are suffering from lack of water. Bread, light and meat. Almost all the factories and Jewish homes in Rostoff have been destroyed.

In an encounter at Odessa between students and troops many students were killed. Funeral services for the students slain were held at the university building.

The latest arrivals at Jassy, Moldavia, declare that killings and plunderings continue at Odessa by day as well as at night.

LADIES' AUXILIARY

Entertained by Knights of  
St. John Last Night.

The members of the local commandery of the Knights of St. John entertained the ladies auxiliary of their order at the society hall on West McKibben street last night in a very enjoyable manner.

Cards, music and dancing afforded suitable amusement and luncheon was served during the evening.

BROUGHT HOME

Remains of Edward Ryan  
Arrived Here Today.

The remains of Edward Ryan, whose death occurred at Haverhill, Mass., was announced yesterday, arrived in the city over the Erie road at noon today and were taken to the home of the deceased's mother, Mrs. Margaret Ryan, on North Madison street. The funeral will be held from St. Rose church Saturday morning and interment will be made in Gethsemani cemetery.

## SAUCER TRACK

Thirteen Thousand Laps  
Around

It the Six Day Riders Had  
Traveled at Eight  
This Morning.

ONLY HALF THROUGH.

Hours From Midnight to  
Daylight Filled With  
Much Excitement.

Women Hurl Money Into  
the Enclosure to Urge  
Greater Speed.

New York, Dec. 7.—Thirteen thousand times the six day bicycle riders in Madison Square Garden and circled the saucer shaped track at 8 o'clock this morning. At that hour they had already had a start of 140 laps on the fourteenth thousand lap and they had moreover completed only a little more than half their long ride. Tricky sports, dangerous falls down the steep inclines of the track and the frequent appearance of money sent into the enclosure by spectators who offered good sums as prizes to the team who would out ride their competitors and gain an extra lap filled the hours from midnight until day light today with excitement.

Once on the incline at one of the turnings the riders at the top of the embankment slipped and fell and as his wheel slid to the bottom of the track he struck and upset both Achorn and Dussol. The three riders went down like a landslide, but though covered with dirt and splinters, they mounted their wheels and went ahead again with a loss of less than half a lap. Early this morning two women who occupied a box seat sent \$100 in to the track for the Achorn-Downey team provided these riders would gain a lap. The team failed to make the distance. Physicians who are attending the riders say that thus far their loss in weight have been scarcely anything. There are still ten teams in the race. The score at 8 a. m. was as follows:

	Miles.	Laps.
Bedell-Bedell	1314	4
Vanderstuyf-Estel	1314	3
Roth-Fogler	1314	4
Kegan-Logan	1314	4
McLean-Morgan	1314	4
Downing-Bowler	1314	4
Hopper-Hollister	1314	4
Galvin-McDonald	1314	3
Achorn-Downey	1314	1
Dorflinger-Dussol	1314	0

Antics which made the grand endurance test appear like a burlesque race were indulged in by the riders during the forenoon hours. Eddie Root rode around the ring with a water soaked sponge and approaching close to the rail he threw it full against the teeth of a man who was holding back the leaders to go faster. Another rider seeing that many of the spectators were asleep about the track, soon after daylight, secured a siphon and awakened the slumbers by well aimed squirts of soda water.

Meanwhile the pace was very slow, some time not more than 12 miles an hour, and the teams dropped steadily behind the record. They were 257 miles behind at 10 o'clock today, which was the 52nd hour of the race.

The Dussol-Dorflinger team weakened rapidly during the forenoon, losing three laps despite the slow pace. He was seven laps, or more than half a mile behind the leaders at 10 o'clock when the score was as follows:

	Miles	Laps
Bedell-Bedell	1242	4
Vanderstuyf-Estel	1242	9
Roth-Fogler	1242	9
Kegan-Logan	1242	9
McLean-Morgan	1242	9
Downing-Bowler	1242	9
Hopper-Hollister	1242	9
Galvin-McDonald	1242	8
Achorn-Downey	1242	7
Dorflinger-Dussol	1242	3

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—Reading of the Panama canal appropriation bill was resumed in the house on the convening of that body today.

The first amendment was presented by Mr. Williams. He moved to cut the appropriation from \$16,500,000 to \$6,858,333, stating that he had come to the conclusion that this latter sum was sufficient to meet the needs of the commission to January 1st next. The amount had been arrived at by taking the indebtedness of the commission which they had stated was \$4,500,000.

He has added to the December estimates amounting to \$2,258,333.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—The House rejected the amendment of Mr. Williams, fixing the amount of the canal appropriation at \$6,858,333, and adopted an amendment fixing the amount at \$11,000,000.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—The House passed the emergency Panama canal bill and at 2:55 adjourned until Monday.

HAVE SHIFTED  
THEIR SHARES.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 7.—The announcement is made here that the old mines of the Richmond Mining Co., have been purchased by the newly formed Richmond-Eureka Co., of Maine, with a capital of \$2,000,000. The majority of the stockholders of the Eureka consolidated have exchanged their shares at the rate of one share for one and one-half shares of the new stock. The largest share holders are prominent capitalists of New York and Boston.

NEXT TUESDAY

Gambling Cases Will Be  
Tried in Mayor's Court.

The cases in mayor's court against William Gancheon and Zack Pyle, charged with conducting a gambling game at the Oak have been set for hearing next Tuesday. Tom Brown and James Shelby, two of the alleged gamblers, pleaded guilty and were fined ten dollars and costs each. The case against the proprietor of the White Cafe, charged with violating the ten o'clock closing ordinance will also be tried next week. Wilbur Miller, charged with stealing a watch, pleaded not guilty and will be given a hearing next Tuesday.

INTO DEEP SAND

Lima Hustlers Want the  
Drill Put Down.

Subscription papers, five in number, are being circulated among business men today for the purpose of securing a fund of \$2,500 which will sink a deep sand test oil well within a radius of ten miles of Lima. This is a proposition which should be given much thought, as if deep pay is found in Allen county it will mean a renewal of former activity in this field, which will bring thousands of dollars to Lima. It was found in the Muncie field, and later in Jay and Randolph counties, and many oil men hold to the belief it can be found here.

## UP TO YOUNG MEN

Country Is Doomed Unless  
Graft Ceases to Be a  
Watchword.

YOUNG ROCKEFELLER

Grows Prophetic in Talking  
About Future With  
Bible Class.

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## An Ounce of Prevention

By SUSIE BOUTCHELLE WIGET

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"Now, Tom, dear," said little Mrs. Ellis, handing him a cup of coffee. "I have something serious to say to you."

"Yes," Mr. Ellis' tone was notably absentminded. He was looking at the shining curve of her left white arm. She had the cunning way of giving her big sleeves a twitch to keep them out of the way as she passed anything of value, and this morning the sleeve was a great show one embroidered with Japanese frets. However, for her own good her husband had not told her all her attractions for him. Not knowing his train of thought, she observed only the preoccupation in his tone.

This confirmed her in the wisdom of her determination, but it also gave her a queer little disposition to let down the corners of her mouth.

"Well, it is only this, Tom," she proceeded, her eyes studiously avoiding his. Pre-occupation in his tone was too strong to recognize it in his eyes would be intolerable. "You see, we have been staying so closely together since the wedding, now three whole months. Aren't you just a little afraid we are overdoing the devoted? When I see so many married couples who are just as happy away from each other, or worse so, I dread the time." Her lip quivered, but this time Mr. Ellis was giving his attention to the smooth whiteness of her neck. He did not answer, and in a moment she went on in a sterner voice. "You remember the ounce of prevention, dear?"

"Worth a pound of patent medicine, isn't it?" he replied frantically, and when she proceeded gravely her voice had shaded down to actual wistfulness.

"For fear, Tom, that our happiness should lose some of its tone in such constant association as ours I have been thinking that maybe it would be better not to see each other quite so often. I couldn't bear to see that you were growing tired of me."

"Her infinite variety," he began to quote, but she interrupted him with a look of the kindest and that set his thoughts adrift again. "We must consider the subject seriously, dear," she said softly and plaintively. "Suppose we plan deliberately to keep new to each other by taking some of our pleasures away from each other."

"Goodness, Betty!" he exclaimed. "I thought we were married in order to enjoy ourselves together."

"We did, but see how people get after a few years! The Thomases, now, for instance—how different they are! And yet I am old enough to remember that they were perfectly selfish together at first. There are the Ripleys too. They are congenial and apparently the best of friends, but Mrs. Ripley doesn't seem to mind at all that her husband spends the greater part of his time away from her. It is only that I dread such a phase in our life."

He looked at her in surprise. Who would have thought her capable of such serious consideration of a life problem—this pretty creature of sunshine and smiles? Just then a thought popped into his mind. Suppose she were already getting tired—just a little bored with him! It would be like her to contrive some tactful way of telling him. And then Betty had been a belle; there had been a score of fellows dancing attendance upon her, even up to the very day of the wedding. Perhaps she was feeling dull, and no wonder, with such a poor stick as he as her only companion, even if she did love him as she professed. He pondered a few moments, making a great sacrifice, while trivially engaged in sipping his fragrant breakfast coffee. When he spoke his tone was cheerful.

"Well, Betty darling," he remarked, "that had not occurred to the untold you spoke, but you are right. There is danger of overdoing the devoted, and we mustn't get tired of each other—we just must not! I have not been to the club—not since the wedding. I will go there to dinner this evening, and you must accept one of your numerous invitations. You have Dolly to go with you, and I will send a carriage to be at your disposal for the evening."

"Yes," acquiesced Betty in a small voice, keeping her eyes upon her plate. She had not expected her ideas to be adopted with so little protest, and it was not cheering to find herself so correct in her foreboding.

He looked at her sharply for a moment, then came over to her side of the table and kissed her goodnight most affectionately. She longed to tell him that it won't seem like a month for him to be gone until late that evening before she should see him again, but no—he was already feeling the pull of the silken chain that bound them together she must not let him know that she was aware of it. She sprang merrily up, went with him to the door, chattering about this and that, as though her every thought was not of the evening that was going to be so lonely without him. When he turned back at the corner for a last look the wave of her small hand was positively hilarious.

The day crept by. At first her impulse was to remain quietly at home for the evening, but he was going to the club, and she must not be behind him in carrying out the plan.

She accepted Mrs. Ripley's invitation to hear Necton with her. In the afternoon she dressed and went to a tea, wanted some home over a visit to her

dressmaker and when evening finally came she arranged herself for the second time. It was no fun at all to stuff out her golden hair when there was no one there but Dolly to remark upon the ef-

fect and usually she would wear the violet she wore with the yellow lace evening dress. If there was anybody there to tell her it was the perfect dress that ever a lady could wear. It was a sort of elegant satisfaction to be making her own lovely without the encouragement of an admirer sitting over in that big chair, his knee over the arm and a cigar in his mouth, but at the moment picture she smothered an irrelevant sob. Dolly looked at her anxiously.

"I believe I am about to take cold," faltered the little mistress melodramatically. "My throat feels so queer."

When she entered the box and threw her great white check in a luxurious heap in the chair behind her, Mrs. Ripley glanced over her with a look of decided approval.

"You were never prettier, Betty," she whispered, "and then it is so sensible of you not to be foolish about having Tom Ellis laughing after you every where you go."

"That is what we agreed only this morning," said Betty in a burst of confidence, and then she grew suddenly silent.

Her eyes, sweeping the crowded house, had fallen upon Tom Ellis in a group of men down near the footlights. As the moments went on she began to feel aggrieved that he did not even glance toward the Ripley box, although he surely had known of the invitation.

She was glad when the music began, because her throat still had that queer feeling, and her lips wanted to tremble. Necton's superb presence and her singing failed for the first time to absorb Betty's attention. She would not look again at that group down near the stage, but she could not keep from seeing them in her mind's eye. She was glad there were others in the box who felt like talking. She did not want Mrs. Ripley to regard her too closely after the drop of the curtain. The hum of conversation began in a moment, and she half turned toward those near her, seeming to listen, although she heard not a word. Still she would not look below her.

"Boo!" came a frivolous exclamation at her shoulder, and she started violently. The rich blood surged into her face. She did not need to see whose hand was stinging on her arm.

"Why, Betty Ellis," cried one gay voice, "you don't mean to tell me you are actually blushing over Tom, you ancient married woman, you! The blushes are for the buds."

"Then they are for Betty," said Tom gallantly. "What rosebud ever looked sweeter than she does this minute?"

"Tom!" she remonstrated, and he laughed and sat down beside her.

When the others were absorbed in themselves again he whispered to her: "Forgive me, Betty, if I bored you by coming. I just couldn't help it. I had forgotten all about the Ripley invitation until I saw you in the box. I came along just to be doing something."

"Don't," she begged, and the eyes that were lifted to his were full of tears. He covered her hand a moment with his and waited; then, when she had stily wiped the moisture from her lids and had swallowed that troublesome lump, she whispered: "I was just mistaken after all. I don't believe in preventive measures like this. We are not tired yet. Let's just wait until we are."

"Done, Betty!" he agreed rapturously. "You are so sensible!"

"Sensible!" interrupted Mrs. Ripley, turning quickly at the word, which had drifted to her ears. "Isn't she so, Tom? I was just telling her a little while ago that she was most remarkably so."

The two accepted the unnumbered praise unobtrusively and looked at each other with a happy laugh.

**Stories From Java.**

In Java the European "resident" of a government station is a very important personage to whom great homage is rendered by the natives. A story is told of one resident who was thrown out of his dogcart while descending a hill. He had barely recovered from the stunning fall when he caught sight of his secretary—who had been following in his own carriage—coming bounding down the steep road like a big Indian rubber ball, rolling over and over in the dust. "Hello, have you been upset too?" asked the resident. "No, resident," spluttered the fat little secretary, scrambling to his feet again, "but I thought if the resident leaps I leap too!"

During a cholera scare another resident invited a widow to remove to a high hill as a precaution against the disease. She, however, said that she thought her time to die had come, and as her husband had been a person of importance in his lifetime she asked only for the inestimable privilege of having her grave dug next to the resident's own. —Chicago News.

**The Cunning Girl.**

Once upon a time there was a cunning little girl who had three strings to her bow or three lemons to her—but you may state it as you please—and she treated them so shrewdly that each one thought he was the own and only. She was a very cunning little girl, was she not? Yes, but after a time each one of the three began to nurture a dark suspicion that he was being played with, and so they went away and began to go with Susan Rogers and Mary Jones and other girls, and now the cunning little girl is an old maid, who feels very sorry that she was so cunning, and this is all there is to the story except the—

**Moral.**—Cunning little girls who play with the fire too long may find in the end that they have less flames than they had when the fire was brightest. —San Francisco Call.

**No Opium in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.**

There is not the least danger in giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to small children as it contains no opium or other harmful drug. It has an established reputation of more than thirty years as the most successful medicine in use for colds, croup and whooping cough. It always cures and is pleasant to take. Children like it. Sold by all druggists.

## Hobbies and Geometry.

Hobbies were not at fifteen when he went to Oxford. He did not much care for logic, yet he learned it and thought it was a good disputation. There is no reason to think he learned anything else at Oxford save a strong dislike of academic institutions and methods. He turned from the official studies to amuse himself with geography and voyages. As to mathematics, there was no official recognition of them at all while Hobbes was at the university so there is nothing improbable in the statement that Hobbes had never opened a copy of Euclid until he was near middle age. The story is told in Aubrey's own words.

"He was forty years old when he looked on geometry, which happened accidentally. Being in a gentleman's library, Euclid's Elements lay open, and it was the forty-seventh proposition, lib. I, so he read the proposition. 'By George,' says he, 'this is impossible!' So he read the demonstration of it, which referred him back to another, which he also read, 'et sic deinceps,' that at last he was demonstratively convinced of that truth. This made him in love with geometry."

## The Oldest Tale of a Tomb.

The cynics, so called from the Greek word for a dog, were a rude, snarling set of so called philosophers, who despised riches, the arts and all culture. Among these Diogenes was conspicuous. He was born in 412 B. C., and when a man he dressed in a coarse robe, which covered him day and night, and carried a wooden bowl and a bag for his alms and his food. His home was a large tub discarded from the temple of Cybele, a huge earthen jar, that had had wine or oil for the services and sacrifices of the temple. Though cracked and patched, it was large enough to hold him lying at full length. "The story goes that Alexander the Great came up to him one day and asked what he could do for him. 'Don't stand between me and the sun,' was the curt reply, upon which the emperor is said to have exclaimed, 'If I were not Alexander I would be Diogenes!'"

## Lighting as a Rock Driller.

"Lighting when in the mood has an ugly habit of drilling," writes an English observer. "It will drill the hardest rock, rock which would turn cold steel, and not only drill but vitrify it. They have found in Cumberland channels from thirty feet deep and from two to four inches in circumference. The interior was hard and glazed where the solid substance had been melted by the stabbing flashes. Artificial experiment has shown that a powerful shock from a battery will vitrify finely powdered glass, but not feldspar or quartz. The lightning, however, does it in the manner described—not in one place, but in many, showing that before striking the ground it divided into several branches, each strong enough to penetrate and liquify the solid rock."

## In a Man's Pockets.

A fairly well equipped gentleman true to his calling and to his friends carries quite a kit of tools. There are a jackknife, a match box, a cigar cutter, a nail file, a corkscrew, a finger nail tool and possibly a cigar holder and some good five centers to give away. And yet women wonder what he finds to put in his pockets. To facilitate further the business of just hanging around he must have a little money, a handkerchief, bunch of keys, fountain pen, some lead pencils and sharpener, eyeglasses, notebook, watch, old letters, papers of more or less pocketed value and a cardcase. Not one pocket could be spared unless it is the one on his shirt, and that looks so sweet. —Clay Center (Kan.) Times.

## Told by the Watch.

To tell the points of the compass by a watch point the hour hand at the sun; then south is halfway between the hour hand and the figure 12 of the dial. To measure an angle by a watch lay two straight edged pieces of paper on the angle, crossed at the apex. Holding them there where they overlap, lay them on the face of the watch, with the apex at the center. Read the angle by the minutes of the dial, each minute being six degrees of arc. It is easy to measure within two or three degrees in this way.

## Why His Head Didn't Ring.

Two Scotsmen turning a corner came into collision. The shock stunned one of them. He pulled off his hat and, laying his hand on his brow, said: "Sic a blow. My head's a-cringin' again."

"Nae wonder," said his companion. "Your head was empty—that makes it ring. My head disna ring a bit."

"Tow could it ring," said the other, "seem it was aye crackin'?"—Scottish American.

## Long Words.

The longest words in English are short by comparison with certain gunsmiths in other languages. It is common in German to use compounds which, although not involved or cumbersome in meaning, look alarmingly long, and it is said that one Sanskrit word has no less than 152 syllables.

## The Wise Wife.

Mrs. Tom-I wouldn't let my husband have his own way as yours does. Mrs. Dick—Does he? Mrs. Tom-I heard him say so today. Mrs. Dick (softly)—I'm glad he thinks so. I've been a long time teaching him that.

## Quite Solid.

"Let me see a plain wedding ring." "Solid?" "You bet I'm solid. We've been engaged morn'n a month."

Excessive anger against human stupidity is itself one of the most prevailing of all forms of stupidity. —Von Radowicz.

Girls, if you want red lips, laugh-lips, sweet breath and good looks, use Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. The greatest beautifier known. 25c. ten or tablets. H. F. Vorkamp.

## INDEPENDENT OPINION.

(Washington Post.)

Even our very excellent friend, Champ Clark, has recognized the democratic party and its aims, but he thinks that a change of the tariff will be a base on which the game can be played long enough to depend on the tariff, and if that game should become paramount there is the hope that the democracy will not only get the base, but steal the goal and ultimately make the run it would be a deal to hear what the president would say of a thing like that. And yet it is impossible for Mr. Roosevelt should not order Congress to "adjourn" the tariff after it shall have finished the rate-making job the president intends to set it down to.

The Hon. Champ Clark recollects the glorious year 1890, when both Massachusetts and Iowa went democratic, not as democrats, as Pike county, indeed, but as efficient democratic for practical progress. That was the Hon. Champ's first congress, and he made a hit and a run the first time he went to bat, his first session. He was talking about the tariff at the time. No wonder he wants to amend the rules and restore them to what they were when very democratic threat was vocal with "Cleveland, tariff reform, and victory," though the Hon. Champ was never a very enthusiastic Cleveland man.

But we must not reckon without Theodore Roosevelt. He is standing over more ground than anybody else, and he seems to be exempt from what happened to the pitcher that went to the well too often. Fate appears to have made him her favorite, and we all know that congress can deny him nothing. It now looks as though he will get the railroad question of his hands before the roses come again. He is a very industrious man and bound to be busy. He is a very conscientious man and resolves to earn his salary. He loves big jobs, and where can he find a bigger one than "adjusting" the tariff? In that, as in this railroad business, the democratic party would be under his orders, and radiant with satisfaction as it fetched and carried for a republican administration. In that, as in this railroad business also, the G. O. P. would get the glory, and what is of more consequence—the usufruct. How is the democratic party going to do it? It can't make a base hit—that is demonstrated. It can't get to first on the rottenest errors ever made, and, as yet, President Roosevelt has not acquired the art of giving a base on calls, though he has come mighty near hitting every ball that faces him—Mr. Whitney actually thinks he was hit.

The children's jubilee of good health follows the use of Bee's Laxative Honey and Tar, the cough syrup that expels all cold from the system by acting as a cathartic on the bowels. A certain remedy for Croup, Whooping Cough and all lung and bronchial affections. Sold by H. F. Vorkamp.

## VAGARIES OF RELIC WORSHIP.

Relic worship is an infallible relation of character. No matter whether a man is noble or base, intellectual or sensual, refined or coarse, religious or agnostic, the kind of relic that interests him bespeaks at once his character.

If he worships the tooth of Buddha, he is religious, if he wants the pen with which the Declaration of Independence was written he is patriotic, if he craves the istand of Harriet, Spencer he is philosophical, and if he venerates the kit of Jesse James he is a degenerate.

These reflections are suggested by the auction sale which took place week at the Oaks, the residence of James Hazen Hyde, at which a vast amount of the cast-off rubbish of the great insurance millionaire and humbug were offered for sale.

A few of these articles might be called second-hand flunery, but the mass of them were ordinary rubbish belonging, some of it no doubt, to the servants' apartments in Mr. Hyde's mansion. The sale attracted a great crowd of New York people in good clothes, some of whom have been likened to monkeys, who paid extravagant prices for this refined junk.

It would take no fortune teller to outline the character of these people. They may have money, but their minds are as shallow as a dish, they are oblivious to moral distinctions, they are destitute of personal pride and self respect and they are indifferent to public sentiment.

We pity anybody who wishes to sleep on an old mattress because James Hazen Hyde once slept on it. —Chicago Chronicle.

## Coughs, Colds and Constipation.

Few people realize when taking cough medicines other than Foley's Honey and Tar, that they contain opiates which are constipating besides being unsafe, particularly for children. Foley's Honey and Tar contains no opiates, is safe and sure, and will not constipate. Don't be imposed upon by taking substitutes, some of them are dangerous. H. F. Vorkamp.

## SHERIFF'S SALE.

Franklin Sylvester Bowers et al., Plaintiff, vs. Duicic Maria Shob, et al., Defendant.

By virtue of writ of sale issued from the court of common pleas, of Allen County, Ohio, and to me directed, I will offer for sale at the east door of the court house in Lima, Allen county, Ohio, on

Saturday, January 7th, A. D. 1906, between the hours of 10 o'clock and 12 o'clock, to the following described lands and tenements, situate in Amanda township, Allen county, State of Ohio, and described as follows, to-wit: Ten (10) acres of the east end and the west side of the southeast quarter (1/4) of section fourteen (14) township four (4) south of range five (5) east, said ten (10) acres is off of the west end of a tract of land herebefore deeded to Charles Stauter, by Samuel Bowers and Mollie Bowers, as recorded in Volume 57, page 197, in Allen County deed records.

Appraised at \$800.00.

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## THE STAGE.

Some idea of the quality of the attractions which local play-goers will have this year will be gleaned from the fact that the Frank L. Perley Opera Co. in the famous success, "The Girl and the Bandit," will be seen here at the Faurot opera house tomorrow evening. Mr. Perley, continually striving to better his organization, has made several changes in the cast and has engaged a very large chorus, after listening to more than two thousand applicants for positions with this famous organization. Of course Miss Viola Gillette, the prima donna; Miss Mabel Hite, whose quaint comedy made her famous in a night; Joseph Miron and George MacFarlane are still in the organization. T. Henry Coote, who made a reputation in London singing the role of the naval lieutenant in "The Prince of Pilsen," and who last season, supported by Fritz Scheff, has been engaged for the role of Angelo, the impassioned Italian poet. Mr. Coote has that rare voice, a lyric tenor, and possesses an excellent personality and much histrionic ability. Frances Ann Wear, the charming girl from Texas, who has just returned from Paris, where she has been studying with Marchesi, has been engaged for the role of Cherry, daughter of the multi-millionaire contractor. Miss Wear is a beautiful blonde and has a soprano voice of peculiar sweetness, enormous range and great sympathy. Another newcomer is Miss Marion Wilder, a leader of California society, who has spent years in the cultivation of her remarkable contralto voice. Daniel Clancy, the multi-millionaire contractor, will be made much of by John G. Sparks, who, for many years, has been known as the singing comedian on the American stage. Sidney Bruce, the Australian tenor, will be seen as the Hon. Edward Seymour.

In a new comedy that has led to one of the pronounced successes of her career, Miss Rose Coghlan comes to the Faurot opera house next Saturday, matinee and night. "The Duke of Killarney," the title of the play in which this noted actress will be seen, is the latest work of that accomplished writer, Robert Marshall, and is said to excel his previous work in cleverness. Last year at the Empire Theatre, New York, the hit was so palpable that the engagement was extended until its duration exceeded in length that of any production offered at this fashionable playhouse for several seasons past. The star has an admirable part and is credited with playing it with her usual excellency. The supporting cast is in keeping, and includes many favorite players, among whom are Mr. Lynn Pratt, playing the title role, Miss Minna Phillips who appears as Lady Addison and the clever English comedian, Mr. Wallace Erskine, as the susceptible member of parliament.

The New York Sun says in its review of May Irwin in "Mrs. Black Is Back," which ran for six months in New York last season: "May Irwin returned to the New York stage last evening after a much regretted absence. She brought her own company to the Bijou theatre in a theatrical production which she and its author, George V. Hobart, modestly called only an 'offering' under the title of 'Mrs. Black Is Back.' Mrs. Black, of course, was Miss Irwin, and a large number of her friends testified to their joy over her return. She is still joyful, expansive and provocative of mirth at all times.

"Mrs. Black's return was to her acknowledged age, from which she had dropped seven years when she married Prof. Black. Of course seven years of mother's age brought her son down seven years too, and Jack Dangerfield found himself reduced from the maturity of 17 to the juvenility of 10 in a night. As he possessed an Irish valet and a deep love for Prof. Black's sister Priscilla, the change was not to his liking.

"The action takes place at Prof. Black's home on the Hudson, and the three scenes have the same setting, which with Miss Irwin on the stage is forgotten. There are songs—songs sung as only May Irwin sings them—mother songs, in which she has the assistance of a chorus, and songs in which other members of the company display their vocal abilities to advantage. Surely one of the most popular of the songs will be the hymned biblical lessons that Miss Irwin teaches. Had the audience been composed of Sunday school superintendents, the song might not have gone so well as it did last night, but Miss Irwin's audiences are seldom composed of Sunday school superintendents. The company do well what is required of them.

"A very satisfying May Irwin performance is highly enjoyable as her reputation leads her patrons to expect, is 'Mrs. Black Is Back.' May Irwin will be seen here next Monday evening.

The season of Indigestion is now at hand. Ring's Dyspepsia Tablets relieve Indigestion, and correct all stomach disorders. Sold by H. F. Vorkamp.



## MY LITTLE LADY'S FURS.

The fur set is quite as much a part of the little tot's wardrobe nowadays as it is of her mother's, and why not, since little fingers must needs be kept as warm as large ones? Just the same, shapes that mamma affects are carried out for the small daughter, old-fashioned tiber and barrel and satchel muffs. The white furs are naturally liked for the little people, and, indeed, it is usually either white or black for her fur set. Practical mothers are making smart sets of the fur cloths that so closely imitate the real furs—these in the handsome Persian and in the imitation bearskin and the gray caracul. Oftentimes the cap is of these cloths, also matching the set. Where the furs are worn the little coat beneath is preferably plain, and for severe weather leggings of the coiling cloth may be added to the comfort of the wearer.



## COMFORTABLE LOUNGING

The indispensable dressing sacque is in for its share of attention these days, and many are the little touches that are brought out to add to its attractiveness. The craze for hand embroidery on all articles of feminine wearing apparel naturally finds ample play in these little intimate garments for midday's privacy. The soft brown lousine that confines the waist and knots in a soft bow in front.

## OBSTRUCTIVE, NOT CONSERVATIVE.

Senator Foraker is quoted in a report of the meeting of the senate committee on interstate commerce considering rate legislation as suggesting conservative action; for instance, a law that the Interstate Commerce commission be authorized to take cognizance of complaints and bring suits for the enforcement of the laws in the United States courts and that the federal district attorneys be instructed to prosecute such cases.

But where would this lead us? To the fixing of a reasonable rate by the courts to take the place of the one declared unreasonable by the commission? Senator Knox's speech at the chamber of commerce banquet dealt with exactly that point when he declared that congress cannot vest the power to fix tolls in any constitutional court, because the fixing of tolls is a legislative and not a judicial act, and congress cannot impose the performance of non-judicial functions upon the courts.

Instead of being conservative Senator Foraker's suggestion would simply be obstructive, designed not to give speedy relief to the shippers but to institute vexatious and purposeless litigation that would determine none of the issues involved and would simply permit the transportation corporations to begin where they left off. —Pittsburg Times.

## Huge Task.

It was a huge task, to undertake the cure of such a bad case of kidney disease, as that of C. F. Collier, of Cherokee, Ia., but Electric Bitters did it. He writes: "My kidneys were so far gone, I could not sit on a chair without a cushion; and suffered from dreadful backache, headache, and depression. In Electric Bitters, however, I found a cure and by them was restored to perfect health. I recommend this great tonic medicine to all with weak kidneys, liver or stomach. Guaranteed by H. F. Vorkamp, druggist; price 50c.

## EXCURSION RATE FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.

The Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Ry. will on December 23, 24, 25, 30 and 31 st. 1905, and January 1, 1906 sell excursion tickets to all points in the Central Passenger Association territory at greatly reduced rates. Information and time of trains, fares, etc., will be furnished by any C. H. & D. agent. These excursion tickets will be good to return until January 3rd, 1906.







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## WEATHER.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—For  
Ohio: Partly cloudy tonight, and Fri-  
day snow flurries in extreme northeast  
portion, warmer tonight in southern  
portion.

Honestly the president's message  
to congress on the railroad rate ques-  
tion did not have much of the "big  
stick" ring in it. It was weak in  
comparison with some of his public  
utterances on the subject, and it had  
the earmarks of a weakening on his  
part. The senate will, however, give  
him a thorough test.

## NEVER WILL DO IT.

The editor of the Republican-  
Gazette is the local correspondent of  
the Columbus Dispatch. A few days  
ago he sent a story to the Dispatch  
that Mayor Robb was going to stop  
the publication of the Republican-  
Gazette on Sundays.

Then he copied the story from the  
Columbus Dispatch, and made it the  
foundation for a silly attack on the  
mayor. That's what we would call  
hard work, and a round about way  
to reach a point, and at that one  
that didn't exist.

Mayor Robb is too much of a dem-  
ocrat to shut down the publication of  
a paper doing the democratic party  
the good the Sunday morning Re-  
publican-Gazette is.

## ONLY BY INFERENCE.

Did Thomas H. Jones find any short-  
age in the county treasurer's office  
when he took charge?

The Campbell's should publish their  
testimony before the grand jury on  
this subject. There they convicted  
themselves out of their own mouths,  
and had to admit that every statement  
they had made that the office had been  
mal-administered was untrue.

Did Tom Edwards find any short-  
age in the county clerk's office when  
he took it off the hands of U. M.  
Shappell?

If he did, let him say so, and we  
will give it wide publicity.

Did Johnson, republican commis-  
sioner, find anything "covered up"  
when he went into office as the suc-  
cessor to Heffner.

If he did, we want him to say so.  
The traducing of a man's character  
by inference is solely the province  
of a man who has no character him-  
self.

If the Gazette has any specific  
charge against any democratic official  
it should make that charge known.  
If not it should be honest and fair  
enough to cease its unjust and dis-  
honest inferences.

## A HAPPY ENDING.

The boiler-maker's strike, as an-  
nounced in this paper yesterday it  
would be, is ended, and the men who  
walked out of the C. H. & D. shops be-  
cause the management would not  
agree that they would not have to  
work on Erie engines, this morning  
returned to work. This happy ending  
of the affair came as the result of  
the Erie's refusal to take over the C. H.  
& D. and Pere Marquette roads after  
an investigation, and the properties  
reverted to the ownership of J. Pier-  
pont Morgan.

The boiler-makers have conducted  
themselves as gentlemen from the mo-  
ment they left the shop. Never was  
there even an intimation of violence,  
and they are deserving of the public's  
plaudits for their good citizenship.

Contests between labor and capital  
are always easier to settle when both  
sides are sensible.

With the cause of the trouble—the  
Erie's fight against union boiler-makers  
removed, it was the easiest thing in  
the world for Master Mechanic Hinck-  
ley and the union boiler-makers to get  
together because their had been no  
bitter features arise in the differences  
between them.

The Times-Democrat congratulates  
all interested, and that includes the  
whole of Lima, on the happy outcome  
of the matter.

## THEY DIE HARD.

The Campbell, Quail, Gale, Hefner  
gang keep right on grooming expiring  
groans.

M. M. Murray, republican candi-  
date for sheriff, was defeated because  
the people of the county knew the  
man who was opposed to him, the  
democratic candidate, Henry Van  
Gulden was a better man for the  
place.

Mr. Van Gulden, as is his right as  
sheriff-elect, a few days ago an-  
nounced that Charles Baxter, another

## Tonight

Just before retiring, if your liver is  
plagued, out of tune and you feel dull,  
oppressed, constipated, take a dose of

## Hood's Pills

And you'll be all right in the morning

Good and competent democrat would  
be his chief deputy.

That was another blow to the  
third estate, whose editor stoutly dis-  
tinctly and rights in everything every-  
body on the republican ticket in his  
sagacity to elect the republican  
candidate for sheriff.

It was a hard blow, and every-  
body the Bird editor thinks of it he  
thinks but he can't do it like a man.  
This is revealed in his old and dis-  
tinctly some that the democratic op-  
ponents in this county are dishon-  
ored. He has followed that policy so long  
that he has disgusted every fair  
thinking republican in the county.

The office of sheriff under Sheriff  
Barr has been honestly and capably  
conducted. The republican smelting  
committee sent out from Columbus  
for the purpose of discrediting the  
democratic officials in this county last  
before an election, reported some  
small discrepancies in the sheriff's  
office, and later swallowed their ante-  
election statements and ordered all  
the money collected from Sheriff  
Barr returned to him.

There is nothing to "cover up" in  
any county office controlled by dem-  
ocrats, and the Bird editor will some  
of these days make one too many  
slandering statements along that  
line.

## WHERE TO GO.

Everybody will be at the big skat-  
ing reception tonight and see the great  
Hexos. Finley's rink.

## THE IDLER.

Lewis G. Bechtolt and Miss Myrtle  
Colburn were married at St. Johns,  
Auglaize county, and will reside with  
the parents of the groom, east of Wa-  
pakoneta.

Attorneys for Isaac Sheely, John  
Sheely and J. C. Pettie, who were in-  
dicted by the recent grand jury for  
blowing up gates of the bulkhead of  
the Grand reservoir, have filed a  
demurrer to the finding of Judge  
Mathers on the motion to quash indict-  
ments. The demurrers allege that  
the offenses charged do not constitute  
crimes under the law of the state of  
Ohio.

Edward Paul and Miss Carrie Thies-  
ing, of New Bremen, were married  
by Rev. Hills at Wapakoneta yester-  
day. The groom is one of the most  
promising young men of New Bre-  
men.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Nichols, 230  
south West street, will entertain the  
men's club of the First Baptist church  
on Friday evening.

Mr. B. M. Poling has returned from  
Tennessee, where he, with Dr. T. H.  
Politz and other Lima gentlemen are  
interested in a very promising zinc  
property.

They have erected a hundred ton,  
up-to-date mill and are offered \$60 per  
ton for their product.

The gentlemen interested are high-  
ly elated over the outlook for their  
property, as their vein shows wider  
as it is worked, and the formation  
mined carries 15 per cent of pure  
turkey wende zinc ore—as good as is  
mined anywhere.

A dispatch from Hamilton to the  
Cincinnati Enquirer says:

"Probate Judge Jones received a let-  
ter today from Probate Judge Mil-  
ler, of Lima, Ohio, stating that there  
would be a meeting of the probate  
judges of Ohio at the Cincinnati  
Hotel, in Columbus, December 21, to  
adopt plans for holding over a year,  
based on the recent constitutional  
amendment providing for biennial  
elections.

CARM THOMPSON  
AGAINST FIELD.

Columbus, O., Dec. 7.—The fight for  
the speakership of the house is still  
Carmi Thompson against the field, as  
measured by the developments today.  
Many republican representatives are  
here and more are coming forward.

Jas. A. Welker, of Stark County, is  
being pushed by his friends, while F.  
W. Demuth, of Paulding county, is  
ready to accept the honor at any time.  
Geo. Little, of Greene county, seems  
to be slightly gaining while George A.  
Bassett, of Lucas and Wm. Z. Roll, of  
Warren, have considerable following.  
All these men are here and mixing  
with the throngs at the hotels and  
sizing up the situation.

NO CONTESTS  
HAVE BEEN FILED.

Columbus, O., Dec. 7.—Up to noon,  
no formal contests had been filed for  
seats in the house or senate. There  
was considerable excitement among  
the legislators today when the rumor  
was circulated that the seat of Rep-  
resentative Demuth, of Paulding county  
would be contested and also the  
seat of Representative Louis H. Paine,  
of Toledo.

## TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH.

The services next Sunday will be of  
unusual interest. In the morning the  
pastor will preach to the boys and  
girls of the Sunday school. They will  
sit in classes in the center seats. In  
the evening the choir will give a con-  
cert of sacred music of great merit.  
The music in Trinity has greatly im-  
proved since it has been in charge of  
Prof. Ryder, and the introduction of  
the new hymnal marks the beginning  
of a new era in church worship. To-  
morrow we hope to print the program  
for the Sunday song service in full.

CASTORIA  
For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the  
Signature of J. C. H. H. H.

## STOCK MARKET

Prices Moved Narrowly  
at Opening.

General List Was Mixed Up  
Losses and Gains

Breaking Even.

BIG PROFIT TAKING

In Wheat Sent Options on  
May Deliveries Down

Little.

Quotations on Live Stock,  
Grain, Produce and

Provisions.

New York, Dec. 7.—Wall Street—  
Prices moved narrowly in the opening  
deals in contrast with the changes  
of special stocks in recent markets.  
The rise of 1½ in Tenn. Coal was the  
most conspicuous. Changes in the  
general list were very much mixed,  
gains and losses being very evenly  
divided.

## May Wheat Off.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Heavy profit tak-  
ing in wheat here today sent the May  
option off to 33½.

Weakness of wheat depressed May  
corn to 45¼@½.

On moderate realizing by small  
holders, May oats sold off to 32½.  
May provision opened firm: pork at  
13.75; lard at 7.42½; ribs 7.27½.

## Live Stock.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Cattle receipts  
10,000; market steady; beefs 3.00  
@ 6.50; cows and heifers 1.40 @  
4.75; stockers and feeders 2.40 @  
4.15; Texans 3.50 @ 4.25; westerns  
2.30 @ 4.75.

Hogs receipts 28,000, market 5 to  
10 cents higher, mixed and butchers  
4.80 @ 5.12½; good heavy 5.00 @  
5.15; rough heavy 4.80 @ 4.95; light  
4.70 @ 5.00; pigs 4.35 @ 5.00; bulk  
of sales 4.95 @ 5.05.

Sheep receipts 18,000, market steady  
sheep 4.00 @ 5.00; lambs 4.75 @  
7.55.

## A Few Bales.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 7.—The National  
Ginners report indicates a total crop  
of 9,625,000 bales with 8,486,000 bales  
ginned up to December 1.

## Cincinnati Live Stock.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 7.—Hogs, ac-  
tive; butchers and shippers 5.12½ @  
5.15; common 4.10 @ 4.95.  
Cattle quiet, fair good shippers 4.15  
@ 4.75. Common 2.00 @ 2.50.

Sheep steady 3.00 @ 5.00; lambs  
steady 4.75 @ 7.55.

## Pittsburg Stock.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 7.—Cattle sup-  
ply light; market steady.

Hogs supply 30 double decks; mark-  
et ruled slow and 10 to 15 cents lower  
than yesterday's prices on most all  
grades. Heavy Yorkers \$5.25 @ 5.50;  
3.30; heavy Yorkers \$5.25 @ 5.30; light  
Yorkers and pigs \$5.25; roughs \$4 @  
4.50; stags \$3 @ 3.50.

Sheep supply 20 ad.; market ruled  
steady; best wethers \$5.50 @ 5.75;  
good \$5.10 @ 5.35; culls and common \$2  
@ 3.50; culls to choice lambs \$5 @ 8.  
Veal calves \$5.50 @ 8.75.

## Buffalo Live Stock.

East Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Cattle  
receipts light; market steady.

Sheep, Monday price.  
Hogs, receipts 40 cars, market low-  
er; all grades \$5.20 @ 5.25.

Sheep receipts 30 cars; market low-  
er; best lambs \$7.50; yearlings \$6.50 @  
7.00; best wether sheep \$5.75 @ 6; mixed  
sheep \$5.50 @ 5.75.

Heavy ewes \$4.50 @ 5.50; calves \$6 @  
9.50.

## Toledo Grain.

Toledo, O., Dec. 7.—Wheat, cash  
30; Dec. 90; May 92; July 94.  
Corn, cash 47; Dec. 46¼; May 45¾;  
July 45¾.

Oats, cash 23; Dec. 23; May 34½;  
July 33¾.

Clover seed, cash 8.17½; Dec.  
8.17½; Jan. 8.22½.

## PERSONAL MENTION

Miss Teresa Callahan is visiting in  
Wapakoneta.

Mrs. Edward Lump and daughter,  
of Wapakoneta, are visiting Lima  
friends.

The illness of her grandson called  
Mrs. Andrew Kohler here from Wap-  
akoneta today.

Mrs. J. E. Collins, of St. Marys, is  
the guest of Mrs. Samuel Bowersack.  
Mrs. P. H. Greatz, of St. Marys is  
visiting Lima friends.

Mrs. A. Mahan is up from St.  
Marys, the guest of friends here.

J. C. Riley left today for New York  
on a business trip.

Frank Hill, chief claim agent of the  
Lake Erie and Western, is in the city  
today.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Koch left this  
morning for an extended stay in Tam-  
pa, Fla.

William Lathrop has gone to Brad-  
town, Florida, for a two months' so-  
journ.

VERY CRITICAL

Is the Condition of Mrs.

Elmer B. Mitchell.

The many friends of Mrs. Elmer B.  
Mitchell will regret to learn that her  
illness has reached a critical stage,  
and that both family and physicians  
have almost abandoned hope of her  
recovery. For several days her life  
has hung by a slender thread which  
may be broken at any moment.

A healthy man in a kind in his own  
right, an unhealthy man is an unhap-  
py slave. Hardened blood hinders build-  
up sound health—Keeps you well.



## SPECIAL HOMESEEKERS EXCURSION.

On Dec. 5th and 19th, the Erie rail-  
road will sell excursion tickets to the  
west and southwest at exceedingly  
low rates. For further information,  
call on Erie Agents or write O. L.  
Enos, Traveling Passenger Agent,  
Aurion, O. 11 dec19

Blind, bleeding, itching and protrud-  
ing piles are instantly relieved by Man-  
zan. This remedy is put up in col-  
lapsible tubes with nozzle attachment,  
so that the medicine may be applied  
inside directly where the trouble origi-  
nated. Manzan relieves instantly.  
Sold by H. F. Vorkkamp.

WANTS, FOR RENT, LOST,  
FOR SALE, ETC.

Advertisements occupying four lines  
or less will be inserted in this col-  
umn for 25 cents for one insertion, or  
50 cents for three insertions, the or-  
der to be accompanied by the cash.

WANTED—A horse for delivery pur-  
poses at Lima Natural Gas Co. 1t

WANTED—Machinists, vise, lathe and  
planer hands and machine opera-  
tors. J. M. Manley, 206 west 7th  
street, Cincinnati, O. 45-12-c-od

WANTED—To buy a second hand de-  
livery wagon. Call at McClintock  
feed store in rear of Gullet street  
and live barn, 128 east Spring  
street. 47-3t

WANTED—Eight horses to winter on  
a farm. Address S. R. Morey, Wa-  
pakoneta, O., P. R. No. 9. 7-3t

WANTED—Geese-feather beds im-  
mediately. Highest cash prices.  
Address C. A. Dickinson, General  
Delivery, Lima, Ohio. 1-wk.

WANTED—A good, steady and sober  
plumber, one with 3 to 5 years ex-  
perience on plumbing. Steady em-  
ployment to the right party. Ad-  
dress postoffice box No. 268, Fort  
Wayne, Ind. 33-tf

WANTED—Girls to learn the cigar  
making trade. Will be well paid  
while learning. After the trade has  
been acquired can earn from \$7.00  
to \$12.00 per week, depending entire-  
ly on speed of worker. Apply at  
once at the office of the Delsel-Wem-  
mer Co., Lima, O. 59-tf

## FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—6 room house on south  
Jackson street; another 6 room  
house within one block of the C. H.  
& D. shops. \$100.00 down, balance  
on monthly payments. John A. Mohr,  
room 21 Holmes block. 9-3t

FOR SALE—Thirty farms. Will be  
sold at reasonable prices. In Allen  
and Auglaize counties. Enquire at  
38 Metropolitan block, G. M. Pop-  
ple. Dec-5-12

## FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—A very desirable office  
room in Times-Democrat building,  
steam heated. Enquire at Times-  
Democrat. 44-tf

FOR RENT—Modern houses in the  
west end—\$200 to \$300 per year.  
Houses on Metcalf, Pierce, North,  
Hohl, Kibby, Atlantic, E. High,  
Scott, Reese, First and other streets.  
for \$6, \$7, \$8, \$10, per month. Nice  
modern house west North street,  
\$17 per month. FOYE, 65 public  
square. 67-tf

## MISCELLANEOUS.

THE LIMA CLEANING & PRESSING  
CO. All kinds of ladies and gents'  
garments cleaned, pressed and  
repaired, including furs, gloves,  
etc. Clothes cleaned free of charge.  
Club rate \$1 per month. All work  
called for and delivered. New  
phone 1475A. 428 south Main  
street. 40-12t

FOR TRADE—Vacant lot for dwelling,  
balance cash; also SALOON and  
Building for dwelling. FOR RENT  
Nice houses on High, Pierce and  
Union streets; \$6 to \$16 per month.  
Fine modern house, west end \$200  
per year, also some for \$20 per  
month. FOYE, 65 public square. 67-tf

NOTICE—A number of students at  
Lima College desire work on Satur-  
day's to help meet their expenses  
while attending college. Any mer-  
chants or business men needing ad-  
ditional help on Saturday's, kindly  
call Pres. C. C. Miller. Both tele-  
phones. 47-3t

A. J. SCHMIDT &amp; CO.

## CLOSING OUT SALE.

The tremendous advantage and saving in buying  
here during this sale is evident from the thousands  
of people who have availed themselves of the many  
bargains. Every Item in the store at a bargain.  
Really the best opportunity ever was in Lima to sup-  
ply your winter needs and do your Christmas shopping  
at a great saving.

## NOTE--

We have a full line of New  
Royal Sewing Machines, stand-  
ard make, 10 year guarantee.  
Machines at cost prices.  
CASH ONLY.

## A. J. SCHMIDT &amp; CO.

## HOFELLER,

NORVAL BLOCK.

## HOLIDAY

## UMBRELLAS

For Men and Women.

A large range; every style  
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\$3.00 and up.

## FAUROT—OPERA—HOUSE.

Monday, December 11th.

That Exuberantly Mirthful

Person

MAY IRWIN

The Dispenser of Good Cheer, in the

transcontinental comedy success,

by George V. Hobart.

## Mrs. Black Is Back

"Best play May Irwin ever had."

—New York Sun.

As presented for 6 months in New

York last season.

PRICES:

Box, 75c; Box, \$1.00; Box, \$1.50; Box, \$2.

Seats on sale Saturday at 9 a. m.

## FAUROT OPERA HOUSE

Matinee and Night

Saturday, December 9th.

Archie I. Shepard

presents the great

London and New

York success,

The Duke of

Killcrankie

with







## By the Shuttle Train

By NIXOLA GREELEY-SMITH

When and where as the summer winds are the means which the fates provide for love affairs to begin, the one man and the one woman together.

It was the shuttle train that has its terminus at the Fifty-eighth street elevated station, where Sixth avenue ends its desolate journey past wholesale warehouses and small shops and department stores, with a brief dip into the capotes of theaters and dance halls in the frivolous Thirties, and Central park begins its spreading progress through the city's heart, that brought about the determining moment in the lives of Madge Rowan and John Cleverley.

The interference of this particular agent was the more remarkable because the lives of the two persons most concerned with it had till a few months before been lived more than 2,000 miles away.

It was in February that the pretty daughter of the most prosperous physician in a thriving Colorado town had bidden a tearful farewell to the fond father and mother who had at last acquiesced in her desire to go east to develop her artistic talent.

The talent found its chief expression in futile impossibilities masquerading as Easter chickens and other seasonal novelties, with which she decorated men's cards, to the infinite admiration of her many friends.

Her art, therefore, had brought her to New York. And it was art, likewise, that had brought John Cleverley. For, though the two had been boy and girl sweethearts together, the sudden development of Miss Rowan's artistic genius had apparently absorbed all her sentimental impulses, and before leaving Colorado she had told Cleverley that she could never marry him.

She had not been a month in town before the young man made his appearance at her Fifty-eighth street studio with a more or less plausible story of having been sent east by his firm to look up an important case.

Art had languished during that first month, when visits to unsympathetic dealers had convinced Miss Rowan of the dearth of the demand for dinner cards, and the cordiality of the art world, point disparaged, vision that greeted Cleverley when he climbed the five flights to her studio augured well for his hope of taking her back with him to Colorado. But the day after his arrival she had actually succeeded in selling a dozen men's cards, and again Cleverley's overshadowing wing.

So furiously did Miss Rowan apply herself to her profession under the impetus that it was only after much persuasion that she consented to spend an afternoon at the beach the Saturday after Cleverley's arrival.

"You know, Jack," she had said, "you haven't the responsibilities that I have. It is natural for you to want to go about and see things, but I've just started a new pond lily menu series, and I must have it finished tomorrow night. And the studio must be cleaned tomorrow afternoon anyway."

But as Cleverley looked unconvinced and rueful she added contritely: "Well, I'll go this once. But don't you come here, for everything will be in such a mess. I'll meet you at the Fifty-eighth street elevated station at 3 o'clock."

And to this arrangement, after some argument, Cleverley was forced to acquiesce. On Saturday the fact that she knew she would have to refuse Jack Cleverley for the last time lent a pleasing melancholy to Miss Rowan's preparations for the afternoon. As a concession to Cleverley she determined to wear the rather barbaric necklace of topazes and Cripple Creek gold which had been his last birthday offering to her, and she therefore sought it in the little jewel box, which had not been taken from its place of concealment in the bottom of her trunk since her arrival in New York.

Her surprise when she discovered, after a search that was at first perfunctory, then earnest and finally frantic, that it and, indeed, all her jewels were gone was a splendid testimonial to her belief in her adopted city.

But fact, relentless, invariable, must ever triumph over illusion, and in fifteen minutes Miss Rowan had realized that all the pretty little trinkets she had collected since infancy had indeed been stolen. In the face of such unforeseen disaster she stood alone, inexperienced, in a strange city. And for a young woman in the full enjoyment of an independent career her first thought was a singularly impracticable one—she must tell John Cleverley all about it, and he would get them back!

But first she would summon the landlady, the stout person inhabiting the unpenetrated depths below, who called so regularly to collect the rent, and declare her loss. There was a theory that this mysterious person might be reached by bell and speaking tube. But ten minutes of frenzied blowing and ringing sent Miss Rowan plunging down the five flights to the basement for more vigorous conversation than the moaning silence which answered her appeal.

Now, Miss Rowan's landlady—whose landlady does not play the races. And she generally last. When Miss Rowan confronted her with the tale of her stolen jewelry she had lost very leniently on the first floor.

As a result, the next five minutes Miss Rowan learned what she had never doubted, that Mrs. O'Brien kept a "respectable house," that her colored

maid, engaged the day before without references, was the most honest and God-fearing woman she had ever known, and a "perfect lady," that no power had been able to make her steal, that she would do anything to make a respectable living all the reporters in New York would be called in and she would rue the day that she and her worthless truck ever came out of Colorado.

Under this onslaught, which she was not experienced enough to trace to its sordid origin, poor little Miss Rowan blanched, wilted and finally rushed from the house. And it was only after she had walked several bewildered blocks that she awoke to the realization of her appointment with John Cleverley at 3 o'clock. A glance at her watch told her that it was already ten minutes after the hour, and she hastened her steps, more with the idea of at once unburdening herself of her troubles than with an attempt at punctuality. As she turned up Sixth avenue she was surprised to notice a dense crowd gathered at the terminus of the elevated structure. But, following their uplifted gaze, her pulses halted tensely at the sight that met her eyes. Slanted rologian fashion from the terminus of the Fifty-eighth street track the wreck of the large frame bumper car at the end of the line lay strewn along the trolley tracks below, and under the suspended peril 500 yelling, excited people surged and clamored. For one moment Miss Rowan did not grasp the significance of the scene.

But the next, the hour, the possible significance of the event to her spouse her with sudden alarm. What if John Cleverley had been on board that train? No thought of any other victim of the wreck marred the pure selfishness of the sudden force awakening of love in her heart. With blanched face and wide, excited eyes she rushed into the crowd.

"What is the matter? When did it happen?" she gasped at the first curious onlooker that barred her progress. "Train jumped the track. Shot past the station. Broke over the bumper. Fifty people injured. Roosevelt hospital," he explained, with terse importance. "What time?"

"Oh, around five minutes to 3 o'clock."

And thus was the last doubt in the young woman's excited mind dispelled. The image of Cleverley injured, bleeding—dead, perhaps—rose suddenly and was as suddenly blurred by the quick blinding rush of tears. Scarcely knowing what she did, she jumped into a hansom and gave a brief direction to Roosevelt hospital.

Then, leaning back against the cushions, wholly oblivious of the frankly staring pedestrians on the avenue, all the newly awakened emotions of her nature found their outlet in passionate sobbing. What happened in the next hour, thronged with visits to hospitals and police stations, with frantic telephone calls to Cleverley's hotel and to his address in a downtown office, Miss Rowan does not remember to this day, for at the end of the search, when she thought that only the morgue lay unexplored and she plunged despairing up the five long flights that led to her studio, it was all blotted out by one luminous incident—the opening of the studio door by Cleverley himself.

Even Cleverley admits that what she said then doesn't matter. It is doubtful if she knows, but he had never explained anything to Madge Rowan, with her two arms about his neck and her cheeks warm and wet against his own, before, and his remembrance is naturally blurred.

"Why, of course I was on that train," he explained, "but I got off at Fifty-eighth street station with all the other passengers. It was only in the confusion for the downtown trip that the rear end backed against the bumper and the rotten wood gave way and toppled the car over. Some of the dear little girls were hurt, but—why, you dear little girl, you poor little girl—don't! For Madge was sobbing passionately, relief upon his shoulder.

Then quietly, when he had calmed her, she told him the story of the afternoon, beginning with the lost necklace and ending with her wild ride in search of him, and at the end she said shyly, humbly:

"You didn't know I was such a little fool, did you?"

And Cleverley, bending over her, kissed the warm tears from her drooping lashes.

"I always hoped you were," he murmured.

**Olden Time Couplers.**  
Carrying messages in olden times called for much ingenuity. "Nothing in the world," wrote Herodotus, "is borne so swiftly as messages by the Persian couplers." They had over a hundred stations, each a day's journey from the other, and a regular service of riders carried messages to and fro at the rate of from sixty to a hundred miles a day. They had their "through couplers," too, for in the case of a specially confidential message the text was tattooed upon the shaven head of a man, whose hair was allowed to grow before he began his journey, so that his letter might be concealed until he reached his goal, where, of course, he would be released.

**NOTICE.**  
On account of the many who were disappointed last year, by getting in too late for a sitting for holiday portraits, we respectfully urge you to get in at your very earliest convenience, that we may be better able to accommodate all. The studio will be open Sundays until after the holidays.

**SHERRICK STUDIO.**  
665 West Spring St.



A NIGHTMARE

Gives relief to the fact that excessive or irregular eating disturbs the digestion. Nightmares or night hag has no day time correspondence in the undue fullness after eating, with the belchings and sour or bitter eructations experienced after too hearty or too heavy eating.

**Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery** cures dyspepsia or bad stomach. When the weak stomach is strengthened the invigorated whole body shares in the increased strength derived from food properly digested and perfectly assimilated.

I was a victim of sleeplessness and extreme nervousness induced by chronic indigestion and a heavy load of work. I was continually writing Mr. J. M. Smith, 1615 N. Wabash Street, Chicago, Ill., who sent me a box of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It was the only medicine which relieved me. Within a week after I began using it that heavy oppressed feeling never again came back, and I found that I was able to sleep better than for months previously. My appetite was gradually restored, general system was toned up, nervousness became a thing of the past and I have now been in splendid health for over nine months.

Sometimes a selfish dealer tempted by the little more profit paid on the sale of less meritorious medicines will offer the customer a substitute as being "just as good" as the "Discovery." It may be better for him because it pays better, but it is not as good for you, if you want the good thing. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, which you believe will cure you, is the only one that will.

**1000-page Doctor Book sent free** on receipt of 21 one-cent stamps to cover postage and handling charges. Formerly sold for \$1.50. Every family should possess a copy for ready reference in case of sudden illness, accident, or disease. It is illustrated with hundreds of woodcuts, and contains the latest medical advice. Address, Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

**Dr. Pierce's Peppermint Cure Constipation.**

**A DANGEROUS SPORT.**  
With the football season now at an end, the list of gridiron casualties for the year 1905 is shockingly long. There have been nineteen killed and one hundred and twenty-seven injured in football games this year. The average of the past five years in which time there have been forty-five fatalities on the field. Eleven of the killed were high school players, ten of them being immature boys of seventeen and under. Three were college men and were presumably well trained and were fit to go into the game. One girl was killed. Of the injured, twenty-eight were college players, thirty-nine were high school players, seven were members of grade school teams, seven members of athletic clubs.

The supposedly careful training of the college athlete is apparently not a safeguard against death and disablement in the game of football. The probable cause lies not in the condition of the player, but in the game itself. It is rough, to the point of brutality. Success in it depends mainly upon the ability of the players of one side to block, throw, trip and disable those tackling and the interference, all of which constitute the major portion of the game's activities. The player with the hardest muscles, the swiftest punch, the tightest grapple and the most calloused spirit makes the best showing.

The solution of this evil is to make the game more open, forbid mass plays, penalize all holding by expulsion, shut down the tackling and interference and make the game once more what it used to be and should be to day, true "foot" ball, with the palm of victory going to one team that can kick and catch and run the better, and not the team that can slug and shove and butt and break bones and gouge eyes the greater luck—Washington Star.

**In Praise of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.**  
There is no other medicine manufactured that has received so much praise and so many expressions of gratitude as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is effective, and prompt relief follows its use. Careful parents everywhere do not hesitate to testify to its merits for the benefit of others. It is a certain cure for croup and will prevent the attack if given at the first appearance of the disease. It is especially adapted to children as it is pleasant to take and contains nothing injurious. Mr. E. A. Humphreys, a well known resident and clerk in the store of Mr. E. Locky of Alice, Cape Colony, South Africa, says: "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to ward off croup and colds in my family. I found it to be very satisfactory and it gives me pleasure to recommend it." For sale by all druggists.

**"THE GIFT STORE."**  
Will be open every evening until Christmas, when we can show you a full line of up-to-date, "Not Shopworn" goods, such as diamonds, watches, cut glass, sterling silver, umbrellas and many other articles suitable for Christmas. All goods fully warranted. "We are here to stay." Basinger, the Jeweler.

**Water Cure for Constipation.**  
Half a pint of hot water taken half an hour before breakfast will usually keep the bowels regular. Harsh cathartics should be avoided. When a purgative is needed, take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. These are mild and gentle in their action. For sale by all druggists.

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.**  
The undersigned has disposed of his half interest in the Jones & Williams undertaking business to Mr. O. E. Davis and the business of the establishment will hereafter be conducted under the firm name of Williams & Davis. All moneys due the former firm shall be paid to O. E. Williams, who will also attend to all other business matters concerning the former firm.

**J. D. JONES.**  
Dec-24-79

**AN ORDINANCE.**  
To levy special assessments to pay the costs and expenses of improving Jackson avenue, from Elm street to Lakewood avenue, by grading the same to the established grade, as ordered by the City Council of the City of Lima, Ohio, as follows:

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# The Man Who Went Wrong

By C. B. LEWIS

There had been a gale in the Gulf all night and as daylight came and the white-capped waves were breaking on the shore like so many white horses. They were there to meet the Spanish gunboat which was to have a gun for them the previous night and the gale had kept her away from the coast.

"What is it?" she asked as one of the men uttered a shout and pointed toward the sea.

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## The Great Plant.

A Canadian climber, the Pysantheus albus, has received the name of "crucel plant" from its ill treatment of butterflies. It grows in the month of August, and the butterflies, attracted by the perfume, hover around it in large numbers and push their trunks into the coronas to sip the honey. A pair of sensitive vegetable pinchers in the heart of the flower grips the delicate proboscis, and in spite of struggles to get free the butterfly hangs suspended until it dies. Apparently the plant has nothing to gain by the death of the insect, as it is not carnivorous, like the Venus fly trap. In fact, if the butterfly were allowed to come and go it would tend to foster the species by assisting cross fertilization. It appears, however, that the "crucel plant" came originally from Brazil, where the butterflies are much stronger and extricate their suckers from the trap. We may add that another Canadian plant, the Calceolus discolor, is charged with cruelty. The flower has a gland which secretes a viscous liquid capable of killing insects which are fond of it. Moreover, they seem to be stupefied and poisoned by it, and no reason can be assigned for the deadly consequence.

The light passed quietly. There was no outcry show for the Cubans to escape through that cordon, and men were under arms all night to repulse a sudden rush. When morning came the fusillade recommenced, and at 11 o'clock the fieldpiece arrived. There had been no firing from the Cubans for the last half hour. Their last cartridge had been expended.

"This will be the way of it," said Yankee as the men gathered around. "We shall first be summoned to surrender. If any one of you wants to take advantage of that, well and good. You will probably be shot within half an hour; but there is a bare possibility that the Spanish may keep faith with you. Any one wants to try it?"

There was a murmur of dissent from every man.

"Very well. We will reject surrender. They will then open fire. Whether they use solid shot or shell, they will batter down these walls like paper. Get the barricade at the door ready to throw down when I give the word, and then we will give our old battle cry for the last time and have at them. Your firing was so good that I have scored off seven for each man, but we can get one more apiece in the rush. We shall go under, but we have comrades who will know how we died."

Under a flag of truce they were summoned to surrender, but the ten answered with cheers of defiance. Then the cannon opened fire, and at the third discharge the barricade was thrown down, and there was a cheer and a rush. The useless guns were left behind. It was a rush, a melee, a mad whirl of fighters, and then all was over. The ten had got another man apiece and more. Their comrades back in the thickets heard the tale days after; we read of it in the papers after weeks had gone by. All of us said the same. It was the way to die for Cuba.

Where the weeds grow rank and the hideous land crabs scamp about unchecked and unafraid there is a grave for nine. Some strange fragment of sentiment caused the Spanish commander to give the tenth man a grave by himself. Had he finished his work by erecting a headboard he might have written thereon: "Here lieth a man who went wrong, but in death he atoned for it." But a week later no wolf could have found the spot.

## His Happy Return.

It was Old Home week, and the returned sons and grandsons had been telling with more or less pride of the changes time had wrought for them. At last Edward Jameson spoke:

"I went away from here twenty years ago a poor young man, with only one solitary dollar in my pocket. I walked the four miles from my father's farm to the station, and there I begged a ride to Boston on a freight car. Last night I drove into town behind a spirited pair of horses, and my purse—guess how much my purse holds in money today, besides a large check." And Mr. Jameson looked about him with a brilliant smile.

"Fifty dollars!"

"Seventy-five!"

"A hundred!" shouted the boys, filled with admiration.

"No," said Mr. Jameson, drawing a large fat purse from his pocket when the clamor had subsided, "none of you has guessed right. When I had paid the 25 cents to Oxy Hozges for my refreshing drive in the coach I had, besides my trunk check which I retained for financial reasons, exactly 4 cents. I have come back, my friends, to stay. Any little jolts of saving and splitting will be gratefully received."

## Comparative Strength of Materials.

Cast iron weighs 444 pounds to the cubic foot and an inch square bar will sustain a weight of 16,500 pounds; bronze, weight 325 pounds, tenacity 3,000; wrought iron, weight 480, tenacity 30,000; hard "struck" steel, weight 490, tenacity 78,000; aluminum, weight 168, tenacity 28,000. We are accustomed to think of metals as being stronger than wood, and so they are, the same size being tested, but when equal weights of the two materials are compared it is then found that several varieties of wood are stronger than ordinary steel. A bar of pine square will hold up 125,000 pounds, the best ash 175,000 pounds and some hemlock 200,000 pounds. Wood is bulky. It occupies ten or twelve times the space of steel. The best steel castings made for the United States navy have a tenacity of 65,000 to 75,000 pounds to the square inch. By solidifying such castings under great pressure a tensile strength of 90,000 to 150,000 pounds may be obtained.

About the most expensive experience the average man can have is to accept gifts.

A sign a thin woman is popular: If her friends call her "fragile" instead of "skinny."

## CASTORIA.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

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## VALUES OF WALKING TOURS.

Americans are just beginning to learn what the English people have known for a century, that the most independent and interesting outing consists of a walking trip. Our nervous, restless, nation spirit puts us out of sympathy with so slow a method of seeing the world. The latest express train is popular, not because it goes through interesting country, but because it arrives at the destination a few minutes or hours ahead of its rival. Short cuts are our national ambition. The quickest method of arriving at a result is the method which instantly appeals to our temperament. But we are wrong. And it does not require a Ruskin to convince us of our error.

Ruskin said the joy of travel is in inverse ratio to its speed, and experienced railroad travelers are in sympathy with his dictum. The railroad has the habit of sucking into a town or city by the most uninteresting route. Back alleys, tunnels and factories are the usual vista seen from a railroad train as it enters some historic capital. The traveler who obtains his knowledge of the country from the railroad train would know but little of its genuine attractions. As Hawthorne said, he would see only the reverse of the tapestry.

In preparation for a walking trip maps and descriptive guide books should be consulted, so that the walker may know something of the country through which he is traveling. The United States geographical survey, Washington, issues the most comprehensive and valuable maps to be had by the outdoor enthusiast. They show every elevation, roads, towns, cabins and even foot trails, and are sold at the nominal price of 5 cents a sheet, which sheet generally covers about ten square miles. The various trolley companies usually furnish very readable guide books of the country through which they go.

Four makes an ideal number, and if a larger group is interested divide in two parties, arranging the route so that meeting may be had at various interesting places along the way. This affords opportunities for comparison and variety. No walking trip should be begun by one who is without some slight training for the trip. This training does not need to be severe, but it should be regular.—Brooklyn Eagle.

## No Secret About It.

It is no secret that for Cuts, Burns, Ulcers, Fever Sores, Sore Eyes, Boils, etc., nothing is so effective as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. "It didn't take long to cure a bad sore I had, and it is all O. K. for sore eyes," writes D. L. Gregory, of Hope, Tex. 25c at H. F. Vorkamp's drug store.

## RESIGNATIONS REQUESTED.

John Hipple Mitchell, of Oregon, has been convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for grafting. He is still a member of the United States senate. Joseph Ralph Burton, of Kansas, has just been convicted for the second time of grafting. He is still a member of the United States senate. Chancey Mitchell Dewey, of New York, hasn't been convicted in the criminal courts, but the disclosures of his operations in connection with the Equitable company indicate graft and show his unfitness for law-making. He is still a member of the United States senate. The only service which Mitchell and Burton and Dewey can now render their country is promptly to detach themselves from the United States senate—a body which they have disgraced and which can not command a full measure of popular respect so long as they are permitted to remain members.—Hartford Times.

## A Thousand Dollar's Worth of Good.

"I have been afflicted with kidney and bladder trouble for years, passing gravel or stones with excruciating pain," says A. H. Thurnes, a well-known coal operator of Buffalo, O. "I got no relief from medicines until I began taking Foley's Kidney Cure, then the result was surprising. A few doses started the brick dust like fine stones and now I have no pain across my kidneys and I feel like a new man. It has done me a \$1000 worth of good." H. F. Vorkamp, druggist.

## He Was Hungry Too.

Mrs. Justwed—There's nothing in the house fit to eat. I'm going home to my mother.

Mr. Justwed (broke)—Wait till I get my hat and I'll go with you.

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## When He Gets Home.

Howell—It must be terrible to be burned alive.

Powell—Oh, I don't know; I get roasted every night.

## Very Throaty Complaint.

Tenderfoot—The bartender at "The Roaring Lion" says Alkali like died of some throat trouble. Was he very hoarse?

Buzzsaw Bill—Wal, I reckon he was some. Yer see, he stole a boss, and they lynched him.

"Generally debilitated for years. Had sick headaches, lacked ambition, was worn out and all run-down. Burdock Blood Bitters made me a well woman."—Mrs. Chas. Freitoy, Moosup, Conn.

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**CHOKED CHILD**

Until Clubbed Off By  
Young Son.

Sad Case of Violent In-  
sanity Developed by  
Adam Wessler.

**WIFE AND DAUGHTERS**

Tell of Attacks Which  
Seized Prisoner of  
Late Months.

Twenty Thousand Dollars  
Action of Harry Frye  
on Trial.

Coming peacefully into the city and to the private offices of Probate Judge A. D. Miller today, accompanied only by his wife, Adam Wessler under an injunction is shown to have a sad case of violent dementia, which only circumstances have prevented from resulting in murder, while domestic animals have been killed by the prisoner when his "spells" were upon him.

Wessler is a farmer residing in Bath township, and now about 54 years of age. About this time last year he was taken with a serious illness, but was not noticed to mental irresponsibility until the past few months. Ten days ago he seized a pitchfork and stabbed one of the cows about the farm, and the animal was all but dead when discovered. About the same time he stabbed a young colt with the same weapon, and the colt died Friday from blood poisoning.

When questioned by the court, Wessler's answers were utterly unresponsive, more than to discern from all questions that he was at all times hungry and willing to eat everything, even frequently going to the garbage barrel, and picking morsels therefrom perhaps within an hour after he had eaten a hearty meal.

The wife told of these instances, and of his violence at times towards the children, during her absence, she stating he was always docile in her hands.

C. C. McDonald, of this city, a son-in-law, testified as to his father-in-law's attacks upon the minor children, not long since having seized his eight year old daughter, and had choked her black in the face, when a fourteen year old son seizing a huge club, drove the irate parent from his death-clutch. The lad and girl then escaped to the home of a neighbor.

Mrs. McDonald also testified as to her father's mental condition at times, and Dr. Frank Steiner's medical examination was sufficient to cause the court to declare the man insane, and make application for his admission to



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**TWENTY THOUSAND  
Dollars For Personal Injuries Asked  
By Harry Frye.**

Harry Frye, the well known saint, who effected the famous locomotive wreck, is today in the action filed by him some years ago against the C. & D. railroad company. Frye was a former employee of this road and was injured in a wreck, which is alleged to have been caused by negligence on the part of the defendant company. He asks judgment in the sum of \$20,000 and is represented by Attorneys Henderson and Lewis. The case has just been opened, only two witnesses having been introduced. I. R. Longworth and associate counsel from Dayton is making the defense in behalf of the railway company.

**FOR NON-SUPPORT.**

Former Oil Worker Is Brought Back From Kansas.

Detective Andy Earnest has caused the arrest of John Graham, of Noddish, Wilson county, Kansas, a well known oil field worker formerly engaged here, on a charge of non support of wife and minor children, residents of this city.

**ACTIONS FOR DIVORCE**

Filed By Two Wives, Deserted and Mistreated.

The common pleas court is called upon to alleviate the ills brought about by two more unfortunate marriages. Melvina Norris is plaintiff in an action against her husband, George, to whom she was united May 9, 1890 in Jay county, Indiana. Norris is alleged to have deserted his wife and two children, March 25, 1895, and even previous to that date was guilty of gross neglect of duty.

Katie Clevenger is plaintiff in a suit against her husband Geo. M. Clevenger, whom she married in Putnam county on Thanksgiving day, 1887, and to whom three children have been born. The husband is alleged to have struck, kicked and beaten the wife, and told her to leave home and never come back, which she did while they resided near Colina, September 27, 1899. She also alleges gross neglect, asks for alimony sufficient to educate the children, two of whom are with defendant's parents.

**FIFTY CANDIDATES**

Initiated Into Lima Tent  
No. 142, Knights of  
the Maccabees.

**MANY VISITORS CAME**

To Witness the Work of the  
Degree Team—Smoker  
Followed.

One of the greatest sessions ever held by the Knights of the Maccabees of this city was that held Tuesday evening by Lima Tent No. 142 at the lodge quarters in the Cahill building at Main and Spring streets. The occasion was the initiation of a class of fifty candidates and an invitation that had been issued to the tents of the neighboring towns and cities brought many visiting Sir Knights to the city, twenty being present from the little village of Westminster. The degree team of Lima tent, with Sir Knight B. F. Wharton as King, exemplified the ritualistic work of the order in splendid style and landed the fifty candidates safely in the camp of their friends. The members of the team were highly complimented for their work.

The secret work was followed by a smoker session during which an address was delivered by Ed. L. Young, of Norwalk, Ohio, who is now great commander of the order in Ohio.

**TRENTON ROCK**

Fields Are Picking Up  
Some.

Weather Has Been Favor-  
able and Producers  
Have Gone Ahead.

**ALLEN COUNTY WORK.**

Mansfield Oil Company Is  
Drilling Mohler Farm  
in Shawnee.

Epworth Church Is Having  
Well Drilled on Its  
Church Lot.

Operations are picking up some throughout the Trenton rock oil fields. This is the season of the year when there is usually a decline, but the weather has been so favorable the oil men have embraced the opportunity to do more work than during former seasons.

**Allen County developments.**  
In Bath township, Allen county, the Royal Oil company has abandoned well No. 1 on the Moses Greer farm, section 36. The same company has a rig up for No. 4 on the F. J. Moore farm, same section. Weill & Johnson have abandoned wells Nos. 7 and 11 on the W. Baker farm, section 9. Duff Bros. & Co. are drilling a test on the B. Driver farm, section 2.

In Marion township, the Ohio Oil company has abandoned wells Nos. 1 and 2 on the E. J. Jenkins farm, section 9.  
In German township, C. A. Lawton is drilling No. 5 M. M. East farm, section 21, and Alex. Lacroix has abandoned No. 2 on the J. N. Boop farm, section 24.

In Amanda township, R. J. Straight is drilling No. 3 J. J. Kroff farm, section 16, and has abandoned No. 2 Wm. Neff farm, section 14.

In Shawnee township, the Mansfield Oil company is drilling No. 5 on the Mary Mohler farm, section 12.

In Richland township, the Sun Oil company is drilling No. 9 M. J. Cotner farm, section 35. The Clover Leaf Oil company is drilling No. 2 M. Lantz farm, section 22. The Ohio Oil company is drilling No. 14 Gratz heirs' farm, section 21. Harry J. Adams is drilling No. 3 Dan Argue burger farm, section 27, and the Ohio Oil company is drilling No. 6 H. Huber farm, section 35. Swank & Lockes have rig for No. 1 on the Althaus heirs' farm, section 12, and Shear & Keegan have No. 4 rig on the S. P. Steiner farm, section 15.

In Jackson township, J. A. & J. W. Glens No. 9 W. J. Hall farm, section 8, pumped 40 barrels. Their No. 15 Zion church property, in the same section, pumped 20 barrels, and No. 16 is drilling, while No. 10 is drilling on the Hall farm. The Surety Oil company's No. 1 C. E. Murray farm, in the southeast quarter of section 7, pumped 25 barrels. The United States Petroleum company has abandoned Nos. 13 and 14 E. Clay farm, section 6. R. J. Griffin has abandoned No. 9 on the C. A. Hawk farm, section 19. The Lima Oil company has abandoned Nos. 9 and 10 R. Watt farm, and No. 4 J. R. Hawk farm, section 20.

In Spencer township, M. P. Colt's No. 6 E. Berryman farm, section 7, pumped 10 barrels.

In the corporation limits of Lima, M. Maak has drilled a well on his lot, and it pumped 10 barrels. The

Epworth church has a well drilling on their church lot.

In Wood county.

In Montgomery township, Wood county, Pearl A. M. Small has drilled a dry hole in Nos. 8 on the Jacob Stahl farm, section 17. C. C. Corbets No. 4 on his farm, section 16, pumped 5 barrels. J. W. Wainmaker is drilling No. 11 on the F. Warner farm, section 17. Brighton & Blessing are drilling No. 10 W. W. Wellman farm, and Winchell, Burdett & Co. are drilling No. 2 F. H. Korder farm, section 20.

In Henry township, J. N. Peck, trustee, is drilling No. 7 on the Milton Sweet farm, section 15. In Bloom township, O. A. Browning & Co. are drilling No. 11 John Lee farm, section 5.

In Liberty township, the Mutual Oil company is drilling Well No. 22 on the J. D. Mercer farm, section 14. The Ohio Oil company has rig No. 16 up on the Edward Lee farm, section 24, and are drilling No. 24 on the Samuel Mercer farm, section 14.

In Portage township, C. J. Brown has abandoned wells Nos. 1 and 2 on the R. J. Simon farm, section 22. No. 5 same farm, pumped 10 barrels. O. A. Browning & Co. have rigs up for Nos. 17 and 18 C. C. Nestlerode farm, sections Nos. 28 and 29. The Ohio Oil company is drilling No. 48 on the J. Trappell farm, section 19.

In Middletown township, Harry G. Hammonds No. 16 on the F. Hubbard farm, section 27, pumped 2 barrels. J. G. Wagoner No. 12 on the A. J. Oviatt farm, section 34, pumped 40 barrels.

In Ross township, Van Vleck, Graham & Van Vleck have abandoned well No. 2 on the W. E. Swinderman farm, section 23. The Rossford Oil & Gas company has abandoned No. 1 on the L. Redmer tract, same section, and have a duster in No. 2 Warner farm, same section.

In Jackson township, Stahl, Long & Co. have abandoned well No. 1 on the D. Long farm, section 2. In Perry township, B. E. Onsel's No. 1 on the P. Blood farm, section 2, pumped 12 barrels, and No. 2 is a rig up. Fred Hamilton is drilling No. 10 on the J. W. Lambright farm, section 1.

**Hancock County Operations.**

In Allen township, Hancock county, the Ohio Oil company is drilling No. 14 Isaac Whetstone farm, section 13; No. 5 on the S. D. Spiller farm, section 11, and No. 23 on the P. Alexander farm, section 35. They have rig No. 12 up on the Isaac Spiller farm, section 11. The Ohio & Western Oil corporation is drilling No. 9 on the H. Noss farm, section 14.

In Portage township, Thos. C. Kelley's No. 12 on the K. A. Porter farm, section 15, pumped nothing but salt water the first 24 hours. The Ohio & Western Oil corporations No. 6 on the Catherine Cloud farm, section 10, pumped nothing and is listed among the dry ones.

**ORIENTAL RUGS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS.**

We have spread on our second floor for your critical inspection a choice and selected assortment of oriental rugs, selected and specially priced for this holiday season.

These prices on these oriental rugs are such that you cannot help but appreciate the positive savings—the prices we guarantee to be lower than is usually quoted at this or any other season of the year. These rugs are all marked like everything we sell—in plain figures.

In the assortment you will find a wide range of sizes in hearth and hall rugs. The designs are rich and rare. The list of prices are as follows: \$10, \$15, \$18, \$25, \$35, to \$65. Rugs sizes from \$65 to \$250.

G. E. BLUM,

221-223 North Main Street.

W. R. C.

At the regular session of the Woman's Relief Corps No. 94 in Mart Armstrong Memorial Hall, Tuesday evening, Dec. 5th, the following officers were elected for 1906: President, Mrs. Laura Louthan; senior vice president, Mrs. Clara Bower; junior vice president, Kate J. Beckley; secretary, Mrs. Rosa Toy; treasurer, Miss Anna Willower; Chaplain, Mrs. Angie Keller; conductor, Mrs. Emma Mackall; guard, Mrs. Hester Tice; Marguerite Rosst Toy; delegate to state department convention, Mrs. Rosa Toy; alternate, Miss Anna Willower.

If you are looking for old fashioned mahogany dressers or furniture, call at 109 east North street. C. W. Vogel. 49-3t

**CELEBRATED BIRTHDAY.**

Little Miss Margaret A. Anderson, of 321 north Collett street, entertained a number of her little friends in a most charming manner on Tuesday, from 4 to 6, in celebration of her 8th birthday. In the pig contest in which Evelyn Godfrey won first prize, Edith Bennett received the second. A two course lunch was served. Miss Margaret's guests were: Margaret Headland, Letta Wadney, Lella McClintock, Edith Bennett, Marian Sullivan, Ruth Hamilton, Isabelle Gregg, Leta Neff, Lola Clinger, Esther Roache, Helen Pence, Loel Simpson, Margaret Fisher, Esther Diehl, Hilda Shaffer, Hulda Brown, Beatrice Werner, Elizabeth Amner, Violet Bradley and Evelyn Godfrey.

Fenner Bros. Studio will be open all day and every day until after Christmas. Make your sitting today. sat-wed-5-2t

It is the "Mecca" photo at Fenner Bros. that is causing all the excitement in the photograph line. sa-we-3t

**DORCAS SOCIETY NOTICE.**

All members of this society are requested to meet Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. S. Alexander, 721 north Main street. As we are having so many calls for help and so much work to be done, we would like to have all members respond, if possible. Mrs. Alexander, President.

Any one suffering from kidney pains, backache, bladder trouble or rheumatism who will take a dose of the doses upon retiring at night shall be followed before morning. Sold by H. F. Vorkamp.

**A SPECIAL ATTRACTION**  
at Harman's Holiday Opening, Friday and Saturday evenings, will be the concert given by the Schubert Mandolin Club. Don't miss it.

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But All of Mr. Gardner's  
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**HOWEVER HE THINKS**

That He Will Be Proven  
Innocent of Charge  
Against Him.

"Insurance Commissioner Vorys will close up the affairs of the Colonial Insurance association. Attorney General Ellis has set tomorrow as the time for hearing an application to file a suit against the association in the name of the State of Ohio."

This statement made to Charles M. Gardner at police headquarters in Toledo, proved no surprise to that gentleman. He explained, in his smooth plausible way, that he had expected it.

"I will be proven innocent of this charge of embezzlement, though," said Gardner, "and if I can get through with the trial in police court soon enough, I may yet be able to hold the Colonial company together."

Gardner is confident of his acquittal and says that he can account for the money alleged to have been embezzled by him. All of the money, he declares, is in the hands of other officials of the company, and that a squaring up of the books will prove it. The Colonial company makes the fourth insurance society that Gardner has attempted to organize with varying success. The Washington Insurance company, his first venture, never got very far, as the state officials refused Gardner a license. The Lincoln company failed with Gardner's arrest on the charge of bigamy. At Elvira Gardner started another insurance company, which came to a close with his arrest on the charge of fraud. He was later cleared by the grand jury. Now it seems that his latest venture will be brought to naught by the action of Commissioner Vorys.

**BIG DOINGS TONIGHT.**

One of the largest crowds of the season will be at Finley's rink tonight to take part in the reception and see the Rexos. Grand march at 8:30. Balcony 10 cents.

**"WHAT ABOUT JONAH?"**

All should avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing Rev. E. E. Young on next Sunday evening on the topic, "Jonah." It will be popular and edifying. The Y. M. C. A. quartette will be present and furnish some choice music and lead in the singing. Admission free.

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Commencing Friday morning we place on special sale in our carpet and rug department, one of the finest and largest collections of rugs to be found in Lima. Not a collection of old rugs of 3 or 4 year old patterns, but absolutely new and from the best looms in America.

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**LOT NO. 6—One line fine Wilton rugs that usually sell at \$7 to \$8; go during this great sale for only \$4.75.**

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Attend this great rug sale, it's for you. Sale commences Friday morning. Take advantage of it while you may, for it won't last long.

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